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Ms. Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco Executive Secretary North Dakota Public Service Commission 600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Qwest Corporation and Trans National Communications International, Inc. OPPTM Master Services Agreement

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Qwest and Trans National Communications International, Inc. recently executed a commercial agreement relating to the provisioning of switching and shared transport. The agreement is entitled "Master Services Agreement" and includes the "Qwest Platform PlusTM Service" (together hereinafter, the "Agreement").

On April 6, 2005, the Commission issued an Order in Case No. PU-04-402 wherein the Commission denied Qwest's Motion to Dismiss and approved an agreement between Qwest and McImetro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C. similar to the one at issue here between Qwest and Trans National Communications International, Inc. In the Order, the Commission purports to exercise jurisdiction over the Agreement as an interconnection agreement ("ICA"), within the meaning of Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), that must be filed for approval by the Commission pursuant to Section 252 of the Act. Qwest has disputed, and will continue to dispute, that the Agreement and similar commercial arrangements between Qwest and CLECs are ICAs that must be filed with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 252 of the Act. Notwithstanding this position, and without waiving any of its rights or arguments on these issues, Qwest is filing the Agreement as set forth above. Qwest is making the filing, under protest, solely to avoid further controversy or disputes with the Commission regarding the appropriate legal status of the Agreement, pending adjudication of this issue by the Federal Communications Commission and/or the courts.

Contact information for Trans National Communications International, Inc. is as follows:

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> Brian Twomey, President Trans National Communications International, Inc. 2 Charlesgate West Boston, MA 02215 (800) 900-5210

We have enclosed an original of the Agreement and will forward an electronic copy of the Agreement to you for posting on the Commission's website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

cc: Brian Twomey (via e-mail)

Gina Buchholtz (via e-mail)